

LOCKING DEVICE FOR A METER SOCKET

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A lock assembly has a clip, a base, a body, and an interlocking mechanism. The lock assembly is for an enclosure, such as an electrical meter socket with a box, having a side wall and a cover. The clip has a “U” shaped portion for encircling the side wall of the enclosure. The “U” shaped portion has an inner leg, a spanning portion, and an outer leg. The clip has a support portion projecting from an inner leg for supporting the cover of the enclosure. An interface portion of the clip projects from the outer leg. The base is interposed between the side wall of the box and the outer leg of the clip. The base has a flange portion projecting outward and underlying the interface portion of the clip. The flange portion has a hole. The body has an “L” shape including a cover retaining portion and an extending portion. The extending portion has a bore extending from the cover retaining portion. The body has a cavity opening onto an inner surface. The cavity receives the flange portion of the base and the interface portion of the clip. The interlocking mechanism is receivable by the bore of the body and interrelates with the flange portion of the clip and the flange portion of the base for securing the body to the base and the clip, and securing the cover to the box.